

Council On Aging Board Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2006

In Attendance:

Chairman Paul Keegan, Helene Tanenholtz, Lillian Goodman, John Concordia and Tim Swiss. Director Sharon Yager was also present. Board members Martin Green and Helen McLaughlin were excused.

1. Chairman's Comments:

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. The October minutes were reviewed and accepted.

2. Director's Comments:

Sharon reported that the installation software for MySeniorCenter is almost complete. MIS is concerned with privacy issues regarding the program since the town's network is a sophisticated system.

CORI checks: A new contract is being drawn up to incorporate changes that have been made, using the Library's policy as a model. The school department has a different policy.

3. Liaison Reports:

Friends of the SCC, Inc. - Helene reported that they have been working on programs to increase attendance. A holiday party will be held next month. Someone is needed who would be willing to organize trips. There may be some change in the Friends leadership. A status report was given on the newsletter advertisers. There is a need to replace office chairs. Also, the organ is hard to play and the Friends are looking into the possibility of it being replaced. The grandfather clock and the piano also need repairs.

Elder Services Worc., Inc./Outreach - Walter Rice joined the meeting and gave a presentation on "Emergency Senior Networking Services of Shrewsbury: ESNSS". This would be an organized outreach system to provide emergency community services for seniors. It was suggested that a five-year plan be put in action and start with a conference including COA Chairman, the town manager, the fire chief and the police chief. There would then be an annual meeting of all town department heads.

SCPC: The future funding for Shrewsbury Community Partnership For Children is uncertain at this time.

4. Old Business:

The Tax Work Off program ended November 1st and there will be one more meeting of the participants to complete paper work. The MCOA Conference was discussed. The 2007 meeting will be held in Sturbridge.

5. New Business:

Staffing – Applicants are being interviewed for the open Meals on Wheels position. There were 50 applicants for the position of Assistant to the Director and it has been narrowed down to 10 finalists.

Budget, Formula Grant Review - There will be a workshop November 29th at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Concordia
Secretary

Barbara J. Bickford, Recorder